



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics (Tulo Centre)
and
The Institute of Liberty and Democracy
(the Parties)



WHEREAS the Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics is a national indigenous institution in Canada that was established by the First Nation Tax Commission in 2007; and

WHEREAS the Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics is mandated to deliver training, education and research that helps indigenous people establish the legal and administrative framework to facilitate investment on their lands.

WHEREAS the Institute of Liberty and Democracy has been working for the last twenty five years to reduce poverty in developing countries by creating the legal and administrative framework to support efficient markets; and

WHEREAS the Institute of Liberty and Democracy helps to build capacity to implement the legal and administrative framework to support property rights systems in developing countries; and

WHEREAS the Institute of Liberty and Democracy is leading a coalition to support the development of indigenous property rights systems that are compatible with efficient markets; and

WHEREAS the Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics works in partnership with Thompson Rivers University to develop, accredit and deliver distance learning programs for indigenous peoples in support of the legal and administrative framework to support markets and property rights.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Tulo Centre and the Institute of Liberty and Democracy will support each other to further their shared values and objectives relating to the legal and administrative framework to support markets and property rights on indigenous lands.
2. The Tulo Centre and the Institute of Liberty and Democracy will work together to secure resources to develop and deliver training and education to support market compatible indigenous property rights systems.
3. The Tulo Centre and the Institute of Liberty and Democracy will work together to secure resources to facilitate a transfer of knowledge related to property rights and economic development among indigenous people in the Americas.

4. The Tulo Centre and the Institute of Liberty and Democracy will meet periodically and identify opportunities for specific projects and further cooperation.

5. Unless the parties otherwise agree, each of them shall be responsible for the costs of their participation in agreed upon joint work or activity.

6. This MOU does not create any new legal powers or duties, or alter in any way the jurisdiction, powers or duties of the ~~parties~~ **parties**.

This agreement can be amended with the agreement of both parties and may be terminated by either party on six months written notice to the other.

This MOU comes into effect upon the date of the duly authorized execution of the memorandum by the Chair of the Tulo Centre and the President of the Institute of Liberty and Democracy

Signed this 20 day of October, ~~2009~~ ¹⁰.


 Chief Michael LeBourdais, Chair, Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics


 Hernando de Soto, President, Institute of Liberty and Democracy